

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were presented for Examination. Claims 8, 25, and 27-30 have been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andre (US Patent 6,028,486), with further evidence found in Gorcea et al. (US Patent 6,323,733). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 27-30 have been canceled and their rejection has been rendered moot.

Applicant believes the no fees are due to complete this response. In the event; however, if any fees are due to complete this response, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees due to Applicant's deposit account number 20-0668. Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

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